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U.S. Patent Documents

Patent No.	Inventor(s)	Issue Date
3,710,218	Roundy et al.	January 9, 1973
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Other Publications

1. "How Dimmer Switches Work" 3 pages Harris, Tom. 26 June 2003. <<http://home.howstuffworks.com/dimmer-switch3.htm>>
2. "Triac" 4 pages 25 June 2003. <<http://www.tpub.com/neets/book7/26e.htm>>
3. "Triac Control Using the COP400 Microcontroller Family" National Semiconductor. COP Note 6. February 1981.

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